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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION

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VENTION: PREPARATIONS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN

LONDON, FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

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B. STATE 60283 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED GOM ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH THE MALAYSIANS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED TO ATTEND WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY, BARRING UNFORESEEN SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THAT THEY WILL ATTEND IN VIEW OF THEIR WELL-KNOWN CONCERN FOR PREVENTING TANKER-BORNE OIL SPILLAGES. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY LOS OFFICER CALLED ON MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LOS MATTERS PARAMESWARAN DEC 19 TO CONVEY COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 STATEMENT ON TANKER SAFETY AND MEASURES TO PREVENT MARINE POLLUTION AND TO ELLICIT GOM VIEWS ON FEBRUARY PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. PARAM, WHO ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER IMCO

ASSEMBLY IN LONDON, INDICATED THAT THE GOM IS AWARE OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE BUT HAS NOT RPT NOT HAD A CHANCE YET TO FOCUS ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE JOINT MSC/MEPC MEETING (CITED PARA 3 REF A) SINCE THE OFFICIALS DEALING WITH SUCH MATTERS HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH TECHNICAL DETAILS RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MALACCA STRAITS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS) JUST APPROVED BY THE IMCO ASSEMBLY.

3. REMARKING THAT UNTIL THE JOINT MSC/MEPC REPORT WAS STUDIED IN DETAIL HE COULD ONLY GIVE HIS "PRIVATE AND PRELIMINARY" VIEWS, PARAM SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE GOM WOULD BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD ATTENDING THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE SINCE IT TOO WAS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT PREVENTING MARINE POLLUTION CAUSED BY TANKER BORNE OIL SPILLAGES. FURTHERMORE HE HAD HEARD THAT INDONESIA (ONE OF THE THREE CO-SPONSORS ALONG WITH MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE) OF THE TSS MIGHT CHAIR THE MEETING AND THIS WOULD BE AN ADDED INDUCEMENT FOR MALAYSIA TO PARTICIPATE. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE U.S. PROPOSALS WAS NEEDED AS WELL AS WHETHER OR NOT MALAYSIA WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE, AND, IF SO, THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOM DELEGATION.

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4. OPERATIVE ELEMENTS OF REF A WERE CONVEYED TO GOM VIA THIRD PERSON NOTE DEC 20.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT IS LIKELY, BARRING UNFORESEEN SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, THAT THE GOM WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO THIS CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF MALAYSIAN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER. (FYI: PER PARA 6 REF A PARAM HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL EMBASSY CONTACT ON LOS-RELATED ISSUES. OTHER GOM OFFICIALS WITH LOS RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: ENCIK ZAKARIA YATIM, HEAD, INTERNATIONAL LAW DIVISION, MINISTRY OF LAW; CAPT. OSMAN DARUS, DIRECTOR OF MARINE, PENINSULAR MALAYSIA; M. THILLAGADURAL, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY; AND LT. COL (NAVY) GOH SIEW CHONG (RMN), CHIEF HYDROGRAPHER, DEFENSE MINISTRY. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ALL MEET PERIODICALLY ON AN INFORMAL BASIS TO REVIEW LOS MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO THE STRAITS OF MALACCA. END FYI.)
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